THE SWORD INTERVAL

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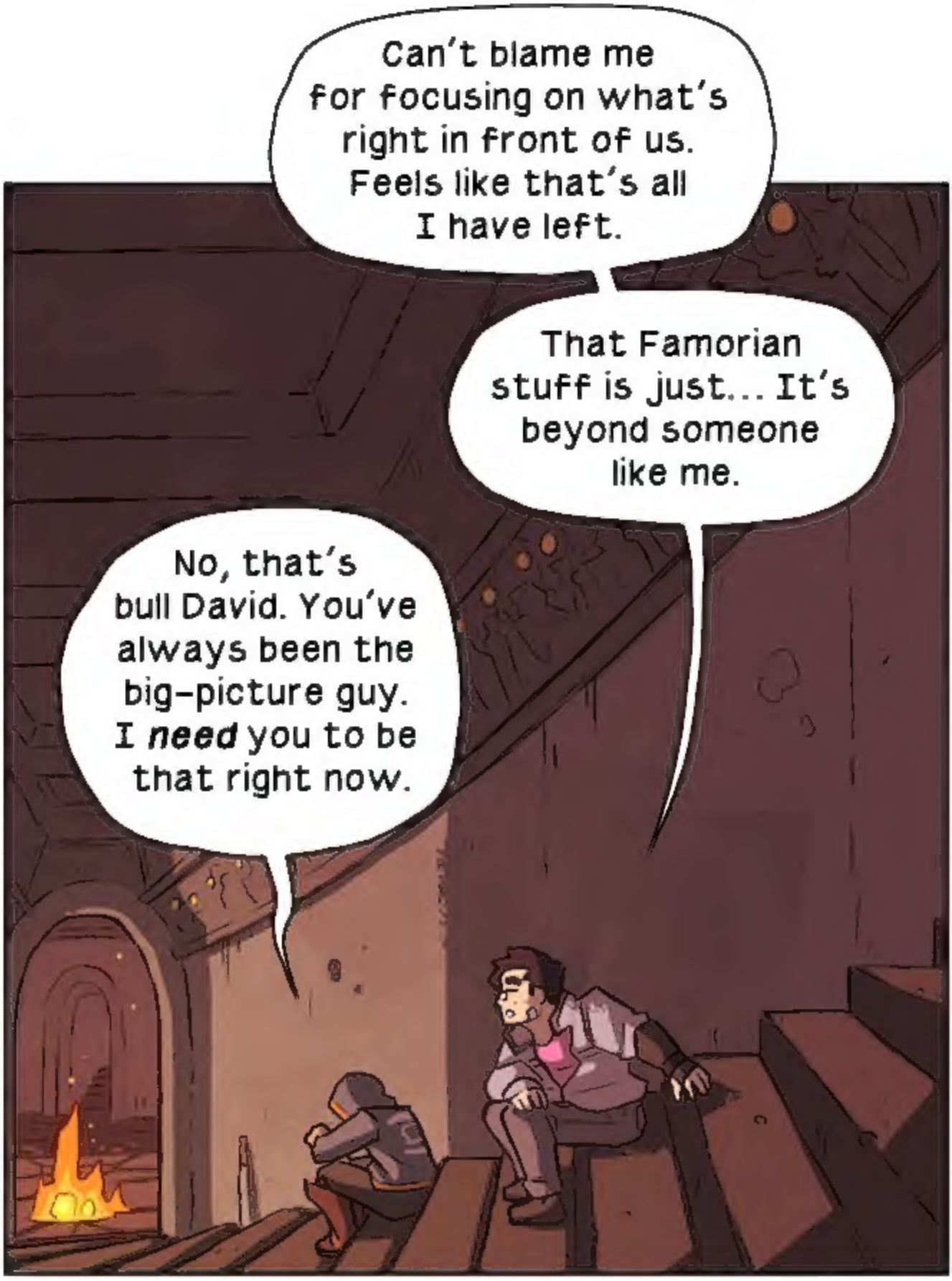
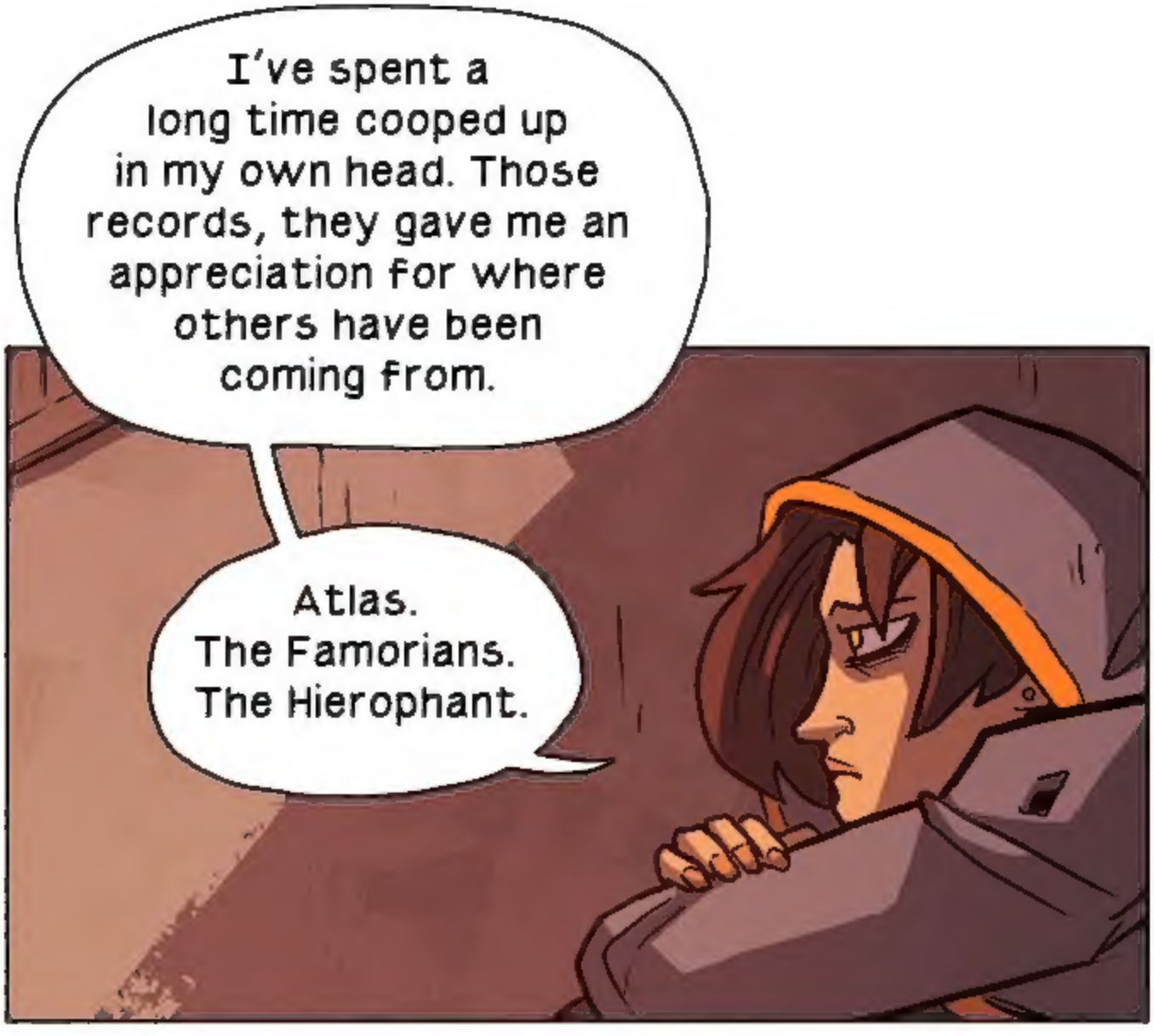

Can't blame me for focusing on what's right in front of us. Feels like that's all I have left.
That Famorian stuff is just... It's beyond someone like me.
No, that's bull David. You've always been the big-picture guy. I *need* you to be that right now.


I've spent a long time cooped up in my own head. Those records, they gave me an appreciation for where others have been coming from.
Atlas. The Famorians. The Hierophant.

...And you.

Fall?
I get it, you know? I get why you brought that golden axe.
Oh, GOD, Fall I -- It was just in case--
In case I lost it. I know. I already did.

Back at the lakehouse, I nearly let them in.

Al had wounded me. Bad.

And in that moment I wasn't thinking about some cosmic greater good or some passionless duty.
It was just anger.

Anger and
hurt.

I've been trying to hold it together since then but like... every time I push myself – every time I take what should be a lethal hit but keep standing – it gets harder.

So yeah, even if I *could* leave you behind. Make a break for it, get burnt to a crisp and regenerate... I don't know if what came back would be *me* anymore.

No...

No no.
Just... don't *do* it, damnit!

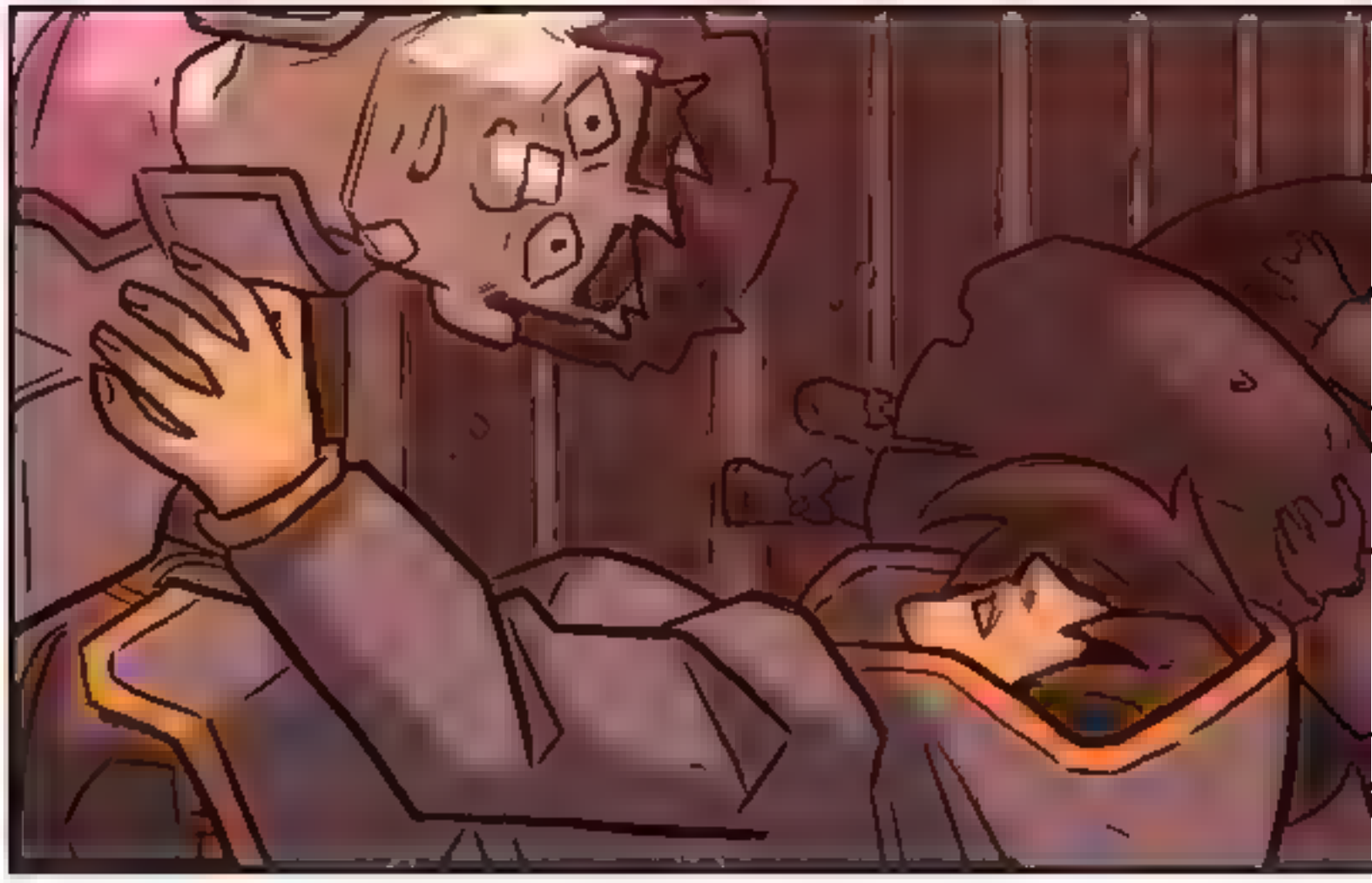
You're stronger than that! Your whole journey you've defied what others wanted for you! For better or worse, you've followed your gut!
Being the Harbinger... why does that have to be anything different?!

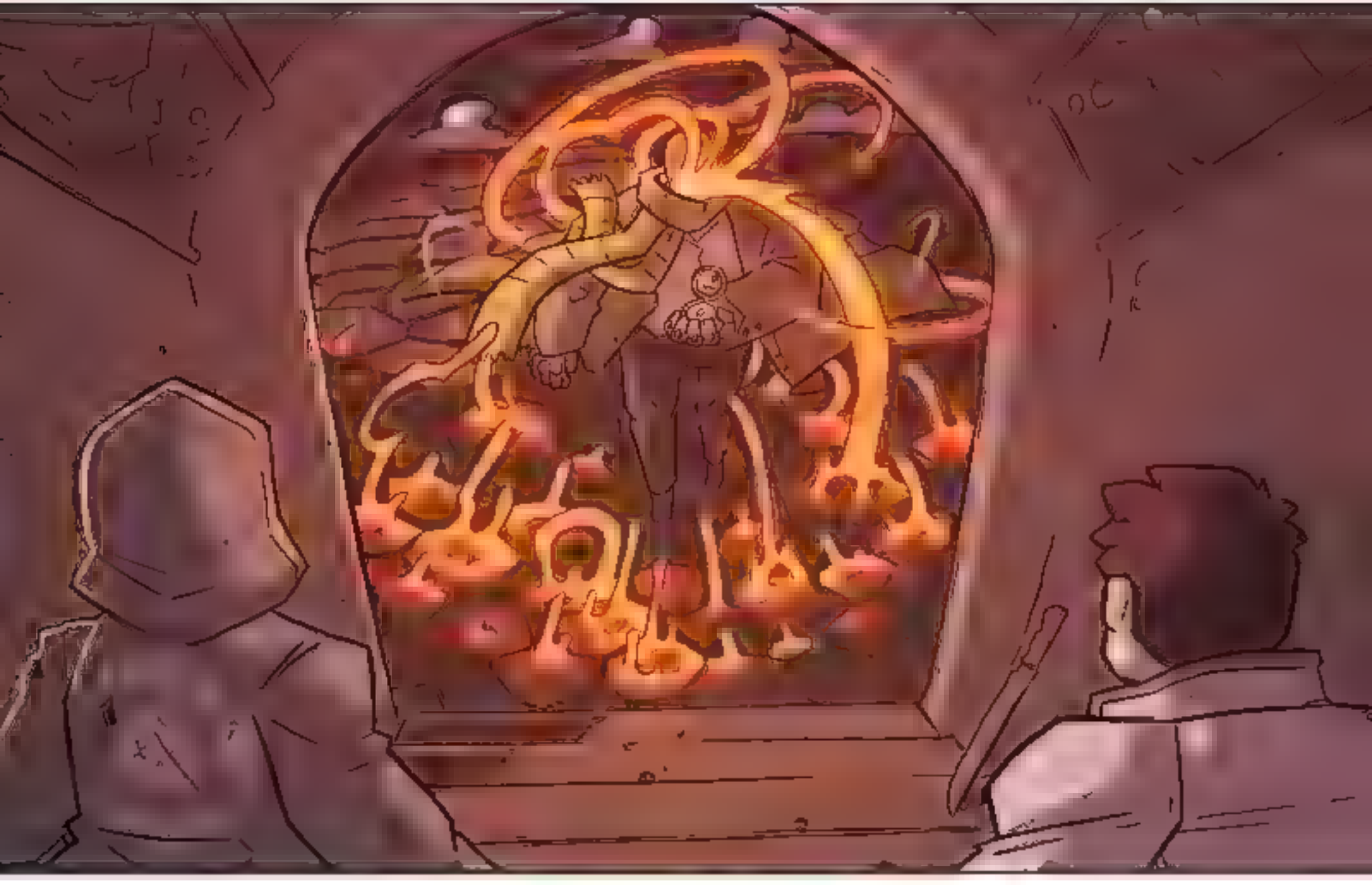
I've just been running.
The momentum's been enough to barrel through every obstacle, but I'm so tired now.
My legs are giving out and there's nowhere left to run...

Fall...
don't ask this
of me...

You have Cody, Yun has Marco... I don't know if we can save the world, but I know I can't stomach being the one to end it.
If I lose myself, Verdant Hunter, I trust that you'll do the right thing.

Chin up, Ms. Barros! Mr. Shimizu!





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